

Application No.: 10/598,604

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS

To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) An acidic food or drink that
has a pH value of 2-6, and
contains acid-soluble soybean protein obtained with one or more of treatments (A),
(B) and (C), and one or more water-soluble minerals selected from the group consisting
of salts, hydroxides, hydroxide and oxides, oxide of calcium, alkaline earth metals and salts,
hydroxides and oxides of transition metals and entirely added after the acid-soluble
soybean protein is obtained, wherein the treatment (A) comprises removing polyanionic
materials coming from raw protein in a solution containing soybean protein, the treatment
(B) comprises adding a polycationic material into a solution containing soybean protein,
the treatment (C) comprises heating a solution containing soybean protein at a
temperature above 100°C in an acidic zone below an isoelectric point of the soybean
protein, and an amount of calcium coming from the one or more water-soluble minerals
added is 100-250 mg per 100 g of the acidic food or drink.

Claims 2-3: (canceled).

4. (previously presented) The acidic food or drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein an aqueous solution of the acid-soluble soybean protein is acidic.

Claim 5: (canceled).

6. (previously presented) The acidic food or drink as claimed in claim 1, which is produced without addition of a stabilizer, or a homogenizing treatment.

7. (new) The acidic food or drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acidic food is an acidic thick fluid food.